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Patent application of: WELSH, et al.

For: USE OF XYLITOL TO REDUCE IONIC STRENGTH AND ACTIVATE  
ENDOGENOUS ANTIMICROBIALS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF  
INFECTIONS ,

the specification of which is being transmitted herewith.

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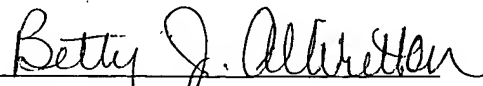
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